

I am writing with regard to the FCC's recent consideration in preempting state telephone privacy laws. As a resident of Indiana and supporter of the state's telephone privacy laws, I am alarmed at any consideration given to restricting these laws. Since implemented in the state of Indiana, I, as well as others, are now able to return home after a long day at work, without interruption. Speaking on my behalf, I'm grateful for Indiana's decision to enact strict legislation protecting the privacy of its residents. Prior to submitting my name to the list of people refusing to receive telemarketing calls, I was regularly bombarded by such calls from early hours of the morning through to the late evening. Unfortunately, having an unpublished telephone number at the time did little to prevent such calls. In fact, the telemarketing calls became so overwhelming, I was no longer willing to answer my phone, despite owning a Caller ID system. On a daily basis, I would come home to a number of hang-up calls recorded on my answering machine from various telemarketing companies. These calls infuriated me to the point where I felt I had to be placed on the list. Since then, I am able to arrive home and enjoy some much needed quiet time with my family - uninterrupted. I appeal to you in your decision-making process to consider how many people these state-implemented telephone privacy acts have helped. Making them more lenient will only put us back in the position at which we began. I was considering disconnecting my telephone line all together - leaving one line of communication open between my family and friends not laden with solicitation - my cell phone. Please, protect laws such as those that have been implemented in the state of Indiana. Americans already must contend with unwanted "spammed" email messages, junk mail and the like. As hard working as we are, we at least deserve to return home from a long day at work uninterrupted by a sales pitch that doesn't end until one deliberately hangs-up the phone, refusing to waste anymore time listening to someone who is pitching his or her latest sale. Thank you for your time.